

Remarks

The Final Office Action mailed December 7, 2005 has been carefully considered. After such consideration, independent Claims 9 and 29 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 34 and Claims 31 and 34 have been canceled without prejudice. In addition, Claims 11-13 and 37-39 have been amended to clarify dependencies, and Claim 40 has been amended as to form to correct grammar.

Accordingly, it is submitted that, by this amendment, the case is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,



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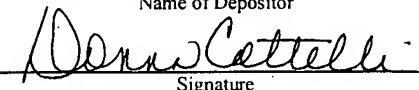
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